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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON  
PORTLAND DIVISION

BROADCAST MUSIC, INC.; SONY/ATV  
SONGS LLC; THE BERNARD EDWARDS  
COMPANY LLC; EMI VIRGIN SONGS,  
INC. d/b/a EMI LONGITUDE MUSIC;  
PWMP ACQUISITION I LLC d/b/a  
PRIMARY WAVE BRIAN; HOT-CHA  
MUSIC CO.; UNICHAPPELL MUSIC  
INC.; UNIVERSAL MUSIC MGB NA LLC  
d/b/a UNIVERSAL MUSIC CAREERS;  
BEECHWOOD MUSIC CORPORATION;  
E. O. SMITH MUSIC; EMI BLACKWOOD  
MUSIC, INC.; HIP CITY MUSIC INC.; and  
HIFROST PUBLISHING,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TRIPLE NICKEL PUB, LLC d/b/a TRIPLE  
NICKEL PUB; and FADI NABOULSI,  
individually,

Defendants.

Civil No.:

**COMPLAINT**

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Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, for their Complaint against Defendants, allege as follows (on knowledge as to Plaintiffs; otherwise on information and belief):

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a suit for copyright infringement under the United States Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, 17 U.S.C. Sections 101 et seq. (the "Copyright Act"). This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1338(a).

2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1400(a).

### THE PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. BMI's principal place of business is 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. BMI has been granted the right to license the public performance rights in approximately 8.5 million copyrighted musical compositions (the "BMI Repertoire"), including those which are alleged herein to have been infringed.

4. The Plaintiffs other than BMI are the owners of the copyrights in the musical compositions, which are the subject of this lawsuit. All Plaintiffs are joined pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 17(a) and 19(a).

5. Plaintiff Sony/ATV Songs LLC is a limited liability company. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

6. Plaintiff The Bernard Edwards Company LLC is a limited liability company. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

7. Plaintiff EMI Virgin Songs, Inc. is a corporation d/b/a EMI Longitude Music.

This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

8. Plaintiff PWMP Acquisition I LLC is a limited liability company d/b/a Primary Wave Brian. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

9. Plaintiff Hot-Cha Music Co. is a partnership owned by Daryl Hall and John Oates. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

10. Plaintiff Unichappell Music Inc. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

11. Plaintiff Universal Music MGB NA LLC is a limited liability company d/b/a Universal Music Careers. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

12. Plaintiff Beechwood Music Corporation is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

13. Plaintiff E. O. Smith Music is a sole proprietorship owned by Rivers Cuomo. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

14. Plaintiff EMI Blackwood Music Inc. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

15. Plaintiff Hip City Music Inc. is a corporation. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

16. Plaintiff Hifrost Publishing is a partnership owned by Hiram Hicks and Elliot Straite. This Plaintiff is the copyright owner of at least one of the songs in this matter.

17. Defendant Triple Nickel Pub, LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the state of Oregon, which operates, maintains and controls an establishment known as Triple Nickel Pub, located at 3646 SE Belmont St., Portland, Oregon

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97214-4326, in this district (the "Establishment").

18. In connection with the operation of the Establishment, Defendant Triple Nickel Pub, LLC publicly performs musical compositions and/or causes musical compositions to be publicly performed.

19. Defendant Triple Nickel Pub, LLC has a direct financial interest in the Establishment.

20. Defendant Fadi Naboulsi is the managing member of Defendant Triple Nickel Pub, LLC with primary responsibility for the operation and management of that limited liability company and the Establishment.

21. Defendant Fadi Naboulsi has the right and ability to supervise the activities of Defendant Triple Nickel Pub, LLC and a direct financial interest in that limited liability company and the Establishment.

#### CLAIMS OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

22. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 21.

23. Plaintiffs allege eight (8) claims of willful copyright infringement, based upon Defendants' unauthorized public performance of musical compositions from the BMI Repertoire. All of the claims for copyright infringement joined in this Complaint are governed by the same legal rules and involve similar facts. Joinder of these claims will promote the convenient administration of justice and will avoid a multiplicity of separate, similar actions against Defendants.

24. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Complaint and incorporated herein is a schedule identifying some of the many musical compositions whose copyrights were infringed by

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Defendants (the "Schedule"). The Schedule contains information on the eight (8) claims of copyright infringement at issue in this action. Each numbered claim has the following eight lines of information (all references to "Lines" are lines on the Schedule): Line 1 providing the claim number; Line 2 listing the title of the musical composition related to that claim; Line 3 identifying the writer(s) of the musical composition; Line 4 identifying the publisher(s) of the musical composition and the plaintiff(s) in this action pursuing the claim at issue; Line 5 providing the date on which the copyright registration was issued for the musical composition; Line 6 indicating the copyright registration number(s) for the musical composition; Line 7 showing the date(s) of infringement; and Line 8 identifying the Establishment where the infringement occurred.

25. For each work identified on the Schedule, the person(s) named on Line 3 was the creator of that musical composition.

26. For each work identified on the Schedule, on or about the date(s) indicated on Line 5, the publisher(s) named on Line 4 (including any predecessors in interest), complied in all respects with the requirements of the Copyright Act and received from the Register of Copyrights Certificates of Registration bearing the number(s) listed on Line 6.

27. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, Plaintiff BMI was (and still is) the licensor of the public performance rights in the musical composition identified on Line 2. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, the Plaintiff(s) listed on Line 4 was (and still is) the owner of the copyright in the respective musical composition listed on Line 2.

28. For each work identified on the Schedule, on the date(s) listed on Line 7, Defendants publicly performed and/or caused to be publicly performed at the Establishment the

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musical composition identified on Line 2 without a license or permission to do so. Thus, Defendants have committed copyright infringement.

29. The specific acts of copyright infringement alleged in the Complaint, as well as Defendants' entire course of conduct, have caused and are causing Plaintiffs great and incalculable damage. By continuing to provide unauthorized public performances of works in the BMI Repertoire at the Establishment, Defendants threaten to continue committing copyright infringement. Unless this Court restrains Defendants from committing further acts of copyright infringement, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable injury for which they have no adequate remedy at law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that:

(I) Defendants, their agents, servants, employees, and all persons acting under their permission and authority, be enjoined and restrained from infringing, in any manner, the copyrighted musical compositions licensed by BMI, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 502;

(II) Defendants be ordered to pay statutory damages, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 504(c);

(III) Defendants be ordered to pay costs, including a reasonable attorney's fee, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. Section 505; and

(IV) Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

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